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HOUSE FILE 562
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 419)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 27, 2017)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to driver education course instruction by
2 requiring an analysis of current courses and providing
3 that peace officers and retired peace officers qualify as
4 classroom driver education instructors.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 272.31, Code 2017, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. The board shall issue a classroom
4 driver education instructor authorization for purposes of
5 section 321.178 to a person who completes a training program
6 that meets the standards set by the board, who complies with
7 rules adopted pursuant to subsection 4, and who is either a
8 peace officer as defined in section 801.4, subsection 11,
9 paragraph "a", "b", or "h", or a peace officer in the division
10 of state patrol; or is retired under chapter 97A or 411, or
11 section 97B.49B or 97B.49C, after service as a peace officer as
12 defined in section 801.4, subsection 11, paragraph "a", "b", or
13 "h", or a peace officer in the division of state patrol. The
14 training program shall include but not be limited to a minimum
15 of fifteen contact hours in a program consisting of instruction
16 relating to classroom management, strategies for learning,
17 diversity, and ethics.

18 Sec. 2. Section 321.178, subsection 1, paragraph b,
19 subparagraph (1), Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

20 (1) To be qualified as a classroom driver education
21 instructor, a person shall ~~have satisfied the educational~~
22 ~~requirements for a teaching~~ meet one of the following
23 requirements:

24 (a) Hold a valid teacher's license at the elementary or
25 secondary level and hold a valid license an endorsement to
26 teach driver education in the public schools of this state
27 issued under chapter 272.

28 (b) Be a peace officer as defined in section 801.4,
29 subsection 11, paragraph "a", "b", or "h", or a peace officer in
30 the division of state patrol; or be retired under chapter 97A
31 or 411, or section 97B.49B or 97B.49C, after service as a peace
32 officer as defined in section 801.4, subsection 11, paragraph
33 "a", "b", or "h", or as a peace officer in the division of state
34 patrol, and meet the requirements of section 272.31, subsection
35 3A.

1 Sec. 3. Section 321.178, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
2 2017, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:
3 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (5) The board of directors of a school
4 district shall not employ a person who meets the requirements
5 of subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (b), as a classroom
6 driver education instructor unless the board has made a
7 good faith effort to fill the classroom driver education
8 instructor position with a person who meets the requirements of
9 subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (a). For the purposes
10 of this subparagraph, "*good faith effort*" includes advertising
11 for the position in an appropriate publication, interviewing
12 applicants, and giving serious consideration to applicants who
13 hold a license and endorsement to teach driver education.
14 Sec. 4. DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE ANALYSIS. The department
15 of transportation shall conduct an analysis of the driver
16 education courses currently offered in the state and identify
17 best practices for classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction
18 and programming, as well as best practices for the academic
19 and training preparation necessary to prepare persons for
20 employment as classroom and behind-the-wheel instructors.
21 The department shall submit its findings and recommendations
22 for standardization of the state's driver education course
23 requirements for instructors, curriculum, and training in a
24 report to the general assembly by December 31, 2017.